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To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the prevention and treatment of the use of synthetic recreational drugs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Synthetic Drug Over-
5 dose Prevention and Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SYNTHETIC RECREATIONAL DRUGS.**

7 Title III of the Public Health Service Act is amended
8 by inserting after section 317T of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9 247b–22) the following:

1 **“SEC. 317U. SYNTHETIC RECREATIONAL DRUGS.**

2 “(a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Centers for
4 Disease Control and Prevention (in this section referred
5 to as the ‘Director’) shall—

6 “(1) complete a study on strategies for pre-
7 venting and treating the use of synthetic recreational
8 drugs (as identified pursuant to subsection (b)(3)),
9 including best rehabilitation practices; and

10 “(2) submit a report to the Congress on the re-
11 sults of such study.

12 “(b) DATABASE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
14 tion with the Administrator of the Drug Enforce-
15 ment Administration, shall establish and maintain a
16 database of synthetic recreational drugs.

17 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make
18 the information in the database under paragraph (1)
19 publicly available for use in preventing and treating
20 the use of synthetic recreational drugs.

21 “(3) IDENTIFICATION OF SYNTHETIC REC-
22 REATIONAL DRUGS.—Beginning not later than 90
23 days after the date of the enactment of the Syn-
24 thetic Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Act,
25 for purposes of this section, the Secretary shall
26 specify (and update as necessary) a list of sub-

1 stances, each of which shall satisfy the following cri-
2 teria:

3 “(A) The substance is an analogue of a
4 controlled substance (as defined in section 102
5 of the Controlled Substances Act).

6 “(B) The substance is not marketed as a
7 drug (as defined in section 201 of the Federal
8 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act).

9 “(C) The substance is determined by the
10 Secretary to be marketed for recreational
11 human use, irrespective of claims to the con-
12 trary in the labeling and promotion of the sub-
13 stance.

14 Each substance identified on the most recent list
15 specified by the Secretary pursuant to this para-
16 graph is referred to in this section as a ‘synthetic
17 recreational drug’.

18 “(c) CANNABIMIMETIC AGENTS.—

19 “(1) OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.—Not later than 1
20 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Di-
21 rector, in collaboration with the Administrator of the
22 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Ad-
23 ministration, the Director of the National Institute
24 on Drug Abuse, the Director of the National Insti-
25 tutes of Health, and the Administrator of the Drug

1 Enforcement Administration, shall develop and im-
2 plement a national outreach campaign to educate
3 law enforcement personnel, State and local agencies,
4 health care professionals, community health organi-
5 zations, parents, youth, and other community mem-
6 bers about preventing and treating the use of
7 cannabimimetic agents.

8 “(2) GRANTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may
10 make grants to Federally-qualified health cen-
11 ters for programs to increase public awareness
12 about, and prevent and treat, the use of
13 cannabimimetic agents.

14 “(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum
15 amount of a grant under this section shall be
16 \$100,000.

17 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
18 TIONS.—To carry out this paragraph, there is
19 authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for
20 the period of fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

21 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘cannabimimetic agent’ has the
23 meaning given to that term in section 202(d)(2) of
24 the Controlled Substances Act.

1 “(2) The term ‘Federally-qualified health cen-
2 ter’ has the meaning given to such term in section
3 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act.”.

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